

Guidelines for Participation in the Montrose, PA July 4th Parade

The individual who submitted this entry will be responsible for ensuring all participants are informed of and adhere to the following rules and regulations:

1. **Arrival and Staging Time:** All participants must arrive at the staging area by 10:30 a.m. Please note that Grow Avenue will be closed to traffic at 10:45 a.m.
2. **Parking Restrictions:** General parking and drop-offs are not permitted in the staging areas. Only parade vehicles may access the designated staging area parking lots.
3. **Parade Position:** Units must remain in their assigned position within the parade lineup.
4. **Distribution of Items:** Any giveaways, such as premiums or treats, must be handed out directly. Throwing items from vehicles is strictly prohibited.
5. **Prohibited Substances:** Spraying or throwing water or other liquids at spectators is not allowed.
6. **Vehicle Decoration:** Any commercial vehicles used for advertising must be decorated with a patriotic theme.
7. **Parade Flow:** All units must maintain an appropriate pace and spacing from the unit ahead. Stopping for performances is not allowed unless a natural gap in the parade permits it, or prior approval has been granted by the Parade Committee by the registration deadline.
8. **Animals:** Units featuring live animals must provide their own clean-up crew to follow immediately behind.
9. **Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol is strictly prohibited in both the staging area and along the parade route.
10. **Family-Friendly Environment:** All participants are expected to maintain respectful and family-appropriate conduct throughout the event.
11. **Solicitation:** Direct solicitation for donations or employment is not permitted along the parade route.
12. **Vehicle Conduct:** All vehicles must operate quietly and safely. Racing engines, squealing tires, intentional backfiring, or excessive noise from modified mufflers is not allowed.
13. **Use of Horns and Sirens:** Horns and sirens must not be used during the parade, as they may interfere with real emergency signals and create safety concerns.
14. **Children's Safety:** All children under the age of 10 must ride (not walk) in the parade. For every six participating minors, at least one adult chaperone is required.
15. **Pre-Staging Assembly:** Participants are strongly encouraged to complete float preparations and gather all participants in the grocery store parking lots east of town off Route 706 before proceeding to the designated staging lot.

Safety comes first, and these rules are to prevent any tragic incidents.

Thank you for participating in the parade and following these rules and guidelines.